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SUBJECT DESIRE OF A GROUP OF "NATIONALISTS" FOR A COUP D'ETAT OR
AT LEAST MAJOR CHANGES IN GOVERNMENT POLICIES

[REDACTED]

1. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED]

GROUP OF 12-20 1-3315

"NATIONALISTS," WHO ARE MAINLY ACTIVE AND RETIRED ARMY OFFICERS,

[REDACTED] ARE CONCERNED ABOUT CERTAIN GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND BELIEVE

THERE MUST BE MAJOR CHANGES IN THE NEAR FUTURE.) 9 JUN 28 1977

2. THIS GROUP OF "NATIONALISTS" IS INTENSELY DISSATISFIED
WITH THE CURRENT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION AND IS SEEKING
A PROMINENT LEADER FOR WHOM THEY HOPE TO BUILD ENOUGH
GRASS ROOTS SUPPORT AMONG THEIR COLLEAGUES TO MOVE MILITARILY

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AGAINST THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT. AS OF EARLY JUNE 1977, HOWEVER,
[REDACTED] ITS SUPPORT IS LIMITED.

3. [REDACTED] THE GROUP FAVORED APPROACHING RETIRED
BRIG. GEN. ADEL EDGARDO VILAS BUT THE IMPOLITIC PUBLIC
STATEMENT BY VILAS IN MAY PROTESTING HIS ENFORCED RETIREMENT
CONVINCED THEM HE WAS NOT THEIR MAN. ACCORDINGLY, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] A REPRESENTATIVE OF THIS "NATIONALIST" GROUP SUCCEEDED IN
MEETING WITH FORMER PRESIDENT GENERAL ALEJANDRO LANUSSE IN
PRISON, OFFERING THE GROUP'S BACKING FOR ANY POLITICAL MOVE.
LANUSSE WAS WILLING TO LEAD, INCLUDING A POSSIBLE COUP D'ETAT.
LANUSSE REPLIED THAT HE WOULD NOT, AT LEAST IN THE NEAR FUTURE,
IDENTIFY HIMSELF WITH ANY PLOT AIMED AT CHANGING THE GOVERNMENT.
LANUSSE SAID THAT FOR THE MOMENT HE WAS PREOCCUPIED WITH EXTRI-
CATING HIMSELF FROM HIS LEGAL DIFFICULTIES. [REDACTED] COMMENT: A
FEW DAYS AFTER THIS [REDACTED] LANUSSE WAS RELEASED
FROM DETENTION, ALTHOUGH THE PRESS REPORTED THE INVESTIGATION OF
CHARGES AGAINST HIM WOULD CONTINUE. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Argentina

4. THE "NATIONALIST" GROUP'S IDEOLOGY IS ESSENTIALLY A
PRO-CATHOLIC ONE WITH SOCIAL-OVERTONES. THE GROUP ADVOCATES

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(1) A STRONG, AUTHORITARIAN AND CORPORATE REGIME, PREFERABLY NOT DOMINATED BY THE MILITARY; (2) A MODIFIED FREE ENTERPRISE ECONOMIC SYSTEM WITH CONSIDERABLE SOCIAL EMPHASIS, KNOWN AMONG THE GROUP AS "HUMANIZING OF CAPITAL;" AND (3) CONTROLS ON FOREIGN CAPITAL TO ASSURE THAT IT IS NOT PERMITTED TO BE USED AS POLITICAL LEVERAGE.

5. INCLUDED WITHIN THE GROUP ARE THE FOLLOWING: LT. *Argentina*

COLONEL GASTON ORLANDO ~~X~~ R I O L L E T, DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE ARMY
COMPUTER DEPARTMENT (DISCAR); [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LT. COLONEL CHARLES JOSEPH IGNACE

~~X~~ U R A I N G A, A MILITARY ENGINEER; LT. COLONEL JOSE FELIX

~~X~~ A C O S T A, ASSIGNED TO THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY;
A SON OF GENERAL ROBERTO ~~X~~ V I O L A, CHIEF OF THE ARMY GENERAL
STAFF; COLONEL ENRIQUE CARLOS ~~X~~ E R R O, PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER
FOR THE FIRST ARMY CORPS; COLONEL HECTOR ROMULO ~~X~~ G I A C C I O,
DEPUTY G-2 OF THE FIRST ARMY CORPS; AND LT. COLONEL ARNOLDO
"NEGRO" ~~X~~ B I A Z, ASSIGNED TO THE ARMY GENERAL HEADQUARTERS.

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